(d) Measures to increase efficiency are enterprise specific. However, some of the measures include delegation of more powers to Board of Directors and their professionalisation, reduction of surplus manpower through Voluntary Retirement Schemes (VRS), Diversification of product mix, technology upgradation, research an development, etc.

Production and Profits earned by Public Sector undertakings

4961. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the manufacturing public sector undertakings which registered higher out-put during 1993, indicating comparative production figures for 1991, 1992 & 1993 and the percentage growth recorded, and the profit percentage earned by them, yearwise; and

(b) the details of such undertakings which recorded a decline in production, indicating similar comparative figures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The undertaking-wise production and % capacity utilisation and the profits for the years 1990-91, 1991-92 & 1992-93 have been detailed in Statement No. 23 A and No. 7 A of Volume-I of Public Enterprises Survey 1992-93 laid on the Table of the House on 23rd February, 1994.

High-Powered Committee on PSUs

4962. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high-powered committee for taking a firm stand on sick public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, who are the members of the committee and what are the terms of reference therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : Yes, Sir. Government have set up a High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister to review the performance of PSEs, particularly sick enterprises.

(b) The other Members of the Committee are Deputy Chairman Planning Commission and Ministers incharge of Administrative Ministries of the enterprises taken up for review. The terms of reference include giving directions and guidelines to Ministries on the package of relief to take a stand or make a commitment before BIFR in each case of PSE referred to BIFR. The Committee would also review the performance of sick enterprises not referable to BIFR and selectively other public enterprises.

Modification in voluntary retirement scheme

4963. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that having missed the target in the planned trimming of labour strength in public sector enterprises, Government have decided to modify the voultary retirement scheme so as to make it more effective; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the modified scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Voluntary Retirement Scheme, parameters of which had been notified by the DPE vide its OM's dated 5-10-88, 6-1-89, 29-5-92 and 23-9-93 is required to be adopted by the PSEs which have manpower surplus to their requirements. Assessment about the surplus labour is to be made by the PSE itself.

The PSEs have been advised in DPE's OM dated 4-3-94 that any deviation from the parameters prescribed would require-